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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A housing for receiving a cable drum of an adjustment device for a motor vehicle wherein the cable drum comprises a peripheral surface with guide means for a tractive member encircling the cable drum, the housing comprising:

a bearing point for rotatably mounting the cable drum;

at least one wall encompassing the cable drum along the peripheral surface of the cable drum when said cable drum is mounted in the housing;

a securing element proximate to the wall of the housing and configured to secure the tractive member extending along the peripheral surface of the cable drum when the cable drum is mounted in the housing;

wherein the bearing point comprises a positive connection element for positively retaining the cable drum when mounted on the bearing point, the positive connection element being formed by a projection projecting radially outwardly from the bearing point;

wherein the securing element is located opposite the projection;

wherein the securing element is elastically configured and is movable by deformation in a radial direction in relation to the bearing point; and

wherein due to the elastic configuration of the securing element, the securing element yields outwardly in the radial direction when fitting the cable drum into the housing such that the cable drum is rotatably mounted on the bearing point.

33. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the securing element comprises a stop face which faces the bearing point of the housing.

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34. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32 or 33, wherein the securing element is outwardly movable away from the bearing point by elastic deformation in the radial direction in relation to the bearing point.

35. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the securing element is connected to the wall of the housing via a connecting portion.

36. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 35, wherein a side of the securing element facing away from the bearing point is spaced apart from an opposing wall portion of the wall of the housing.

37. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein a free space is provided on a side of the securing element facing away from the bearing point.

38. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the securing element is formed integrally on the housing.

39. (Previously Presented) A housing for receiving a cable drum of an adjustment device for a motor vehicle which comprises a peripheral surface with guide means for a tractive member encircling the cable drum, the housing comprising:

a bearing point for rotatably mounting the cable drum;

at least one wall encompassing the cable drum along its peripheral surface when said cable drum is mounted in the housing;

a securing element proximate to the wall of the housing and configured to secure the tractive member extending along the peripheral surface of the cable drum when the cable drum is mounted in the housing;

wherein the securing element is elastically configured and is movable by deformation in a radial direction in relation to the bearing point; and

wherein on the wall of the housing further securing regions are arranged projecting from the wall of the housing in the direction of the bearing point.

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40. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 39, wherein the further securing regions are arranged on the wall of the housing such that none of the further securing regions opposes the securing element in the radial direction in relation to the bearing point.

41. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 39 or 40, wherein the further securing regions are formed integrally on the wall of the housing.

42. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the bearing point is formed by a fixed bearing axis.

43. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the bearing point is arranged on a bottom region of the housing.

44. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the bearing point is formed integrally on the housing.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 45 or 46, wherein the positive connection element is configured rigidly.

48. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein guide regions are provided on the housing as inlets and outlets for the tractive member to be conveyed toward the interior of the housing.

49. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 48, wherein the guide regions are arranged and configured for guiding the tractive member such that the tractive member is pretensioned radially inwardly in the direction of the bearing point.

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50. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 48 or 49, wherein the guide regions define two guide channels, of which one serves as an inlet for the tractive member and the other as an outlet for the tractive member and which in relation to the bearing point enclose an angle of less than 180° .

51. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 50, wherein the angle enclosed by the guide regions is between 120° and 180° .

52. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 50, wherein the securing element is arranged in a region of the wall of the housing in which the two guide channels defined by the guide regions converge.

53. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 48, wherein the guide regions define two guide channels of which one serves as an inlet for the tractive member and the other as an outlet for the tractive member and which in relation to the bearing point enclose an angle of more than 180° .

54. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 53, wherein the angle enclosed by the guide regions is between 180° and 240° .

55. (Withdrawn) The housing according to claim 53 or 54, wherein the securing element is arranged in a region of the wall of the housing opposing, substantially in the radial direction, the region of the wall in which the two guide channels defined by the guide regions converge.

56. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 32, wherein the cable drum is mounted on the bearing point of the housing.

57. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 56, wherein the bearing point of the housing is configured as a bearing element which penetrates a bearing aperture of the cable drum.

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58. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 56 or 57, wherein the guide means extending on the outer peripheral surface of the cable drum are configured as guide grooves.

59. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 58, wherein the extension of the securing element in the axial direction of the cable drum is greater than the extension of the guide grooves plus the extension of a positive connection element of the bearing point in the axial direction.

60. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 56, wherein the securing element in the axial direction of the cable drum completely covers the opposing guide grooves of the cable drum.

61. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 56, wherein the securing element in the axial direction of the cable drum has a greater extension than the peripheral surface of the cable drum.

62. (Previously Presented) The housing according to claim 56, wherein the cable drum is encircled by the tractive member.